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In the matter of:

Order Instituting Informational Proceeding  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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Docket No. 09-OII-1

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING  
RE: Adoption of Program  
Guidelines

## **Notice To Consider Adoption of The *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Guidelines***

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

10 a.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Note: Audio from this meeting will be broadcast over the Internet using our WebEx Internet Conferencing System. For details on how to access the meeting electronically, please see the meeting agenda that will be posted online at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/business\\_meetings/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/)

The meeting agenda and WebEx log-in instructions  
will be posted about two weeks before the meeting date.

As part of the September 16, 2009, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Guidelines* (Guidelines). These Guidelines were developed to help implement and administer projects funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ARRA was enacted by Congress to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery, to assist those most impacted by the recession,

to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances, and to make investments that will have long-term economic benefits. ARRA gives preference to projects that promote and enhance these objectives of the Act in an expeditious manner.

The U.S. Department of Energy has allocated the Energy Commission \$49.6 million in ARRA funding for the EECBG Program. State law authorizes the Energy Commission to use these EECBG funds for energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy-related projects and activities authorized by ARRA. At least 60 percent of EECBG funds (\$29.8 million) are designated for activities in small cities with populations less than 35,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000.

The Guidelines describe the eligibility and procedural requirements for applying for EECBG funds.

At the direction of the Energy Commission's ARRA Committee, a Staff Draft version of the Guidelines was published for public comments on July 31, 2009. A public workshop was subsequently held on August 3, 2009, to discuss the Staff Draft Guidelines and solicit public comments. Stakeholders and interested member of the public were encouraged to provide written comments no later than 5 p.m. on August 10, 2009. Based on the comments received, the Preliminary version of the Guidelines was revised as directed by the ARRA Committee and published for public review as a Committee Draft on August 17, 2009. The ARRA Committee recommends the Committee Draft version of the Guidelines be adopted by the Energy Commission.

The Committee Final version of the Guidelines is available online at:  
[ <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html> ].

Hard copies of the Committee Draft version of the Guidelines may be obtained by contacting:

California Energy Commission  
EECBG Program  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-39  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
*E-mail: EECBG@energy.state.ca.us*

## **Written Comments**

Written comments concerning the Committee Draft Guidelines should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on September 11, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-OII-1 and indicate Order Instituting Informational Proceeding – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail an original and 11 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

All written comments related to the Guidelines will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

## **Public Participation**

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have questions on the technical subject matter of these guidelines, please contact [eecbg@energ.state.ca.us].

Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery]. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the recovery e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving updates and notices to sign up for the List Server at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery].

Date: August 31, 2009

### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_/signed/\_\_\_\_\_  
KAREN DOUGLAS  
Chairman and Presiding Member  
ARRA Committee

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ARTHUR ROSENFELD  
Commissioner and Associate Member  
ARRA Committee

Date Mailed: August 31, 2009  
Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.